

2003B: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

2003B.1: Fellowships for University-Based Doctoral Candidates and Faculty for Investigator-Initiated Research in Child Abuse and Neglect

Eligible Applicants: Public or private non-profit institutions of higher learning on behalf of qualified doctoral candidates in human service disciplines enrolled in the institution and faculty employed by the institution. To be eligible to administer such a grant, the institution must be fully accredited by one of the regional institutional accrediting commissions recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and/or the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation. While an individual is considered to be the beneficiary of the grant support, awards will be made only to eligible institutions on behalf of their qualified candidates.

Project Duration: The length of the projects may not exceed 24 months.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal share of the project is not to exceed \$130,000 per academic institution, with a maximum of \$25,000 per student and \$30,000 for the faculty member. Each application must involve two to four student-candidates and a single faculty member.

Matching or Cost Sharing Requirement: There is no matching requirement. The academic institution, in accepting the award, agrees to waive overhead charges (indirect costs) and pass the entirety of the funds on to students and faculty as fellowships or stipends.

Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded: It is anticipated that up to seven institutional awards will be funded.

2003B.2: Improving Child Welfare Outcomes Through Systems of Care

Eligible Applicants: State, territory, county or city child welfare agencies and federally recognized Native American Tribes are eligible applicants. No more than one application will be funded from any one State in order to insure geographic distribution of the awards. Collaborative applications are acceptable; however, applications from collaborations must identify a primary applicant responsible for administering the grant.

Project Duration: The projects will be awarded for a period of 60 months. The initial grant award will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation funding beyond each 12-month budget period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of the grantee, and

a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal share of the project is up to \$500,000.

Matching Requirement: There is no matching requirement.

Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded: It is anticipated that up to 10 awards will be made.

2003C: Child Welfare Training Project Activities

2003C.1: Professional Education for Public Child Welfare Practitioners:

2003C.1A: Professional Education for Prospective MSW Level Public Child Welfare Staff (Awarding MSW Degree)

2003C.1B: Professional Education for Current Public Child Welfare Agency Staff (Awarding BSW and/or MSW Degree)

2003C.1C: Professional Education for Prospective and Current American Indian and/or Alaskan Native Public Child Welfare Staff who are currently enrolled or plan to enroll in BSW or MSW Social Work Programs (Awarding BSW and/or MSW Degree)

Note: In order to be responsive to a number of unique, professional education needs related to public child welfare practice, this priority area is being subdivided into three subcategories as outlined above. An institution may submit only one application under this priority area and must identify the sub-priority area to which it is responding in the abstract and narrative sections of the application.

Eligible Applicants: Public or non-profit institutions of higher education with accredited social work education programs. Priority will be given to applicants with a strong public child welfare agency/university partnership and/or applicants prepared to re-design their curriculum to maximize student learning opportunities for work in public child welfare agencies. Previously funded applicants under this priority area will not be precluded from receiving a grant.

Project Duration: Sub-priority area 2003C.1A will be awarded for a project period not to exceed 48 months. Sub-priorities 2003C.1B and 2003C.1C will be awarded for a project period not to exceed 60 months. The initial grant award will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation funding beyond each 12-month budget period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of the grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal share is not to exceed

\$75,000 for the 12-month budget period. A traineeship must not exceed \$7,500 per student per budget year. A minimum of 75 per cent of the total project funds must be used for traineeships.

Matching or Cost Sharing Requirement: No matching funds are required for the portion of the budget that pays for traineeships. However, grantees must provide a match to equal at least 25 percent of the total cost of grant activities other than traineeships. The total approved cost of these non-traineeship activities is the sum of the ACYF share and the non-Federal share. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through a cash contribution. Therefore, a project requesting \$75,000 in Federal funds (with \$56,250 for traineeships and \$18,750 for non-traineeship activities per budget period) must include a match of at least \$6,250 (25 percent of the total cost for the non-traineeship activities). Because this is a training grant, indirect costs for these projects shall not exceed 8 percent. Funds from this grant cannot be used to match title IV-E training funds. If approved for funding, grantees will be held accountable for the commitment of non-Federal resources and failure to provide the required amount will result in a disallowance of unmatched Federal funds.

Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded: It is anticipated that up to 27 projects will be funded: eleven in sub-priority area 2003C.1A, twelve in sub-priority area 2003C.1B and four in sub-priority area 2003C.1C.

2003C.2: Training for Effective Child Welfare Practice in Rural Communities

Eligible Applicants: Public or non-profit institutions of higher education with accredited social work programs or other accredited bachelor- or graduate-level programs leading to a degree relevant to work in child welfare. Under this priority area, only those institutions that have knowledge and experience in training professionals for work in rural communities and have child welfare-related experience in serving rural America would be eligible to apply.

Project Duration: Awards will be made for a project period of 60 months. The initial grant will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation funding beyond each 12-month period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of the grantee, and a determination that continued funding